

Common questions about 2014 changes to the Driver Responsibility Fee Law

What do I need to know about the Driver Responsibility Fee Law?

The Driver Responsibility Fee (DRF) law has been amended by [Public Act 283 of 2014](#) to allow you to perform community service in place of paying certain Driver Responsibility fees. Beginning Jan. 1, 2015, you can complete 10 hours of community service for each qualifying violation. If you were ticketed for No Proof of Insurance, No Insurance, Driving without a Proper License/Endorsement/Vehicle Group Designator, Driving while License Expired, or Driving while Unlicensed or License Not Valid between October 1, 2003 and Oct. 1, 2012, you may qualify for this new program. The Michigan Department of Treasury will begin accepting applications for community service in January.

Can I make arrangements to do community service as an alternative to paying my DRF?

It depends on what types of violations are on your driving record; not all DRF offenses will qualify for the community service program. If you are eligible for the program, you will be contacted through the mail by Treasury beginning in December 2014.

Which DRF offenses qualify to be waived by completing community service?

Community service can be accepted instead of payment for the following offenses:

- No Proof of Insurance
- No Insurance
- Drove without Proper License/Endorsement/Vehicle Group Designator
- Drove While License Expired
- Drove While Unlicensed or License Not Valid

How will I be notified if I am eligible to do community service as an alternative to paying my DRF?

If you are eligible, you will be mailed **one written notification** to the address Treasury has on file for you.

How long do I have to complete my community service?

You will be given 45 days to complete your 10 hours of community service. If you have more than one qualifying offense on your driving record, you can decide to do your 10 hours of community service in blocks of 45 days each or group them all into one 45-day period. Any community service application forms submitted after December 31, 2015 will not be counted.

If I've already paid a DRF, can I still do community service and receive a refund?

No; once a Driver Responsibility Fee has been paid, community service will not be approved.